been by the large free of militancy. In Nagaland, there is some improvement in the overall law and order situation. Militant activities, however, continue in the States of Assam, Manipur and Tripura.

(b) The insurgency situation in the North East is kept under constant watch and closely reviewed. Steps taken/ initiated include, inter alia, deployment of Army and Central Para-Military Forces; most seriously affected areas being notified as "disturbed area", secessionists/extremist/militant groups being banned, and strengthening and upgradation of the intelligence machinery. Assistance has also been provided for modernisation of State Police in the region. Simultaneously, steps continue to be taken for promoting accelerated economic development, particularly with a view to improving the basic infrastructure in the region.

Dacoities/Robberies in NCT of Delhi

1168. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether dacoities and robberies in the National Capital Territory of Delhi have become the order of the day; if so, the number of such incidents reported during the last three months;

(b) whether in one of such broad day light dacoities on October 5, 1998 the house of a State Bank of India officer in Mayur Vihar was hit and cash and valuables worth lakhs of rupees were taken away after thrashing the house inmates;

(c) if so, the result of the investigations, indicating the number of persons apprehended and the property, if any, recovered?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir, The number of cases of dacoity and robbery reported by Delhi Police during the last three months (i.e. August to October, 1998) was 18 and 217 respectively as compared to 20 cases of dacoity and 281 cases of robbery reported during the previous three months (i.e. May to July, 1998).

(b) and (c) There was an incident of robbery at the residence of one Shri Manish Bahl, resident of 20603, East End Aprartment, Mayur Vihar, Delhi on October 5, 1998 in which cash, jewellery and some other items were taken away by the robbers while the inmates of the house were away and only the servant was present. A case U/S 392/34 IPC was registered at Police Station Kalyanpuri, Delhi and investigation taken up. No person has been arrested so far nor the stolen property has been recovered.

दिल्ली में अपराध

1169. **श्री बलवंत सिंह रामूवालिया:**
श्री कपिल सिब्बल:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पुलिस की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार चालू वर्ष के दौरान दिल्ली में अपराधों की संख्या में अब तक 43.18 प्रतिशत वृद्धि हो जाने का अनुमान है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में सरकार का क्या आकलन है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि अपराधों की संख्या में होने वाली लगातार वृद्धि का कारण लोगों में अपराधों के लिए दण्डित होने के डर में हो रही कमी है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो चालू वर्ष के दौरान दिल्ली में कितनों पर मुकदमा चलाया गया है; कितने व्यक्ति दोषी पाए गए और कितने व्यक्तियों को निर्दोष माना गया तथा कितने मामले न्याय-निर्णय हेतु विचाराधीन हैं?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) से (ग) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्। चालू वर्ष (नवम्बर, 1998 तक) के दौरान दिल्ली में अपराधों की संख्या में पिछले वर्ष की इसी अवधि की तुलना में केवल 3.42% की वृद्धि हुई है।

(घ) चालू वर्ष में 31 अक्तूबर, 1998 तक की अपेक्षित सूचना इस प्रकार है:—

प्रस्तुत/चालान किए गए व्यक्तियों की संख्या	17402
दोषी पाए गए व्यक्तियों की संख्या	4176
दोषमुक्त हुए व्यक्तियों की संख्या	183
विचारणाधीन लम्बित पड़े मामलों की संख्या	9064

Insufficient BSF Personnel

1170. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sufficient number of Border Security Force (BSF) personnel are not provided to vigil the 352-km long border of Manipur alongwith Myanmar resulting in increased smuggling activities in the area; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to provide sufficient number of BSF personnel in this border area?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Indo-Myanmar border is guarded by Asaam Rifles and Border Security Force under the operational control of Army. There is some depletion in the sanctioned strength of the Border Security Force due to deployment in other sectors. The Ministry of Defence has informed that all activities along the border of Manipur with Myanmar are constantly monitored with a view to curb smuggling.

Criminal Cases Against Ministers

1171. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Union and State Ministers against whom criminal cases are pending;

(b) whether any code or guidelines are strictly observed;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Violence Against Christian Missionaries

1172. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI SITARAM KESRI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whetehr Government are aware of the unabated violence against Christian Missionaries and attacks on Churches in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to prevent it?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) There has been no such unabated violence/attacks against Christian Missionaries and Churches. However, the Government is aware that some isolated incidents of attack on members of Christian community and their Institutions did take place. The registration, invetigation and detection of crime as well as the prevention of crime are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments.

(c) Although 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State Subjects as per the Constitution of India and it is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to prevent crimes, the Central Government has been providing assistance to the State Governments for improving their policing infrastructure and also shares intelligence with the States. It has also constituted a Special Force, called the Rapid Action Force, for assisting the State Governments in controlling the communal situation. The Central Government has been issuing